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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CHARGES IN BANANA SCANDAL

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1. ATTORNEY GENERAL SERAPIO HERNANDEZ CASTELLANOS PRESENTED CHARGES AGAINST EX-MINECON ABRAHAM BENNATON RAMOS AND THE UNITED BRANDS SUBSIDIARY, TELA RAILWAY COMPANY. HOUSTON LACOMBE, TELA RAILWAY COMPANY MANAGER, WAS NAMED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY IN HONDURAS.

2. BENNATON MADE HIS PRELIMINARY FORMAL DECLARATION BEFORE THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT OF TEGUCIGALPA ON MAY 27. HE IS NOW BEING HELD IN THE PENITENIARY AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROCEEDINGS. BENNATON HAD TO APPEAR PERSONALLY BECAUSE HE WAS CHARGED DIRECTLY IN THE INDICTMENT. LACOMBE, WHO WAS INDIRECTLY NAMED AS THE
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COMPANY'S AGENT, WILL BE ALLOWED TO TESTIFY THROUGH

STATEMENTS PRESENTED BY HIS LAWYER RATHER THAN TESTIFY
PERSONALLY.

3. POLOFFS INTERVIEWED LACOMBE IN LA LIMA AFTERNOON
MAY 27. HIS VIEW OF SITUATION WILL BE PRESENTED IN
SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAM.
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